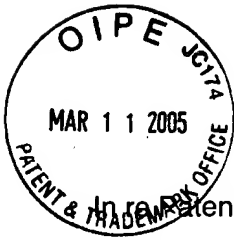


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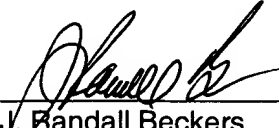
In the above-identified application, in view of an Interview conducted on March 9, 2005, the Final Office Action/Communication (mailed November 18, 2004) has been "withdrawn". Because the Action has been withdrawn no response is now due. As a result, according to our understanding, no Extension of Time appears to be needed in this application.

However, if this understanding is not correct and an Extension of Time is necessary, this paper is requested to be considered as a (contingent) Request for an Extension of Time for One-Month (until March 18, 2005). If an extension is necessary, and an extension fee is deemed necessary with respect to this paper, the Interview and the above-noted Communication, this paper is to be considered as an authorization (contingent) for the U.S.P.T.O. to obtain the same from Deposit Account Number 19-3935.

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